



MINUTES CONSERVATION BANK BOARD

October 9, 2018

Oconee County Administrative Offices, Council Chambers
415 S. Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691

MEMBERS

Mr. Shea Airey, Chairman
Mr. Frank Ables, Vice Chairman
Ms. Jennifer Moss, Secretary
Mr. Marvin Prater, Treasurer

Ms. Frances Rundlett
Mr. Richard Cain
Mr. Ernie Lombard
Ms. Katie D. Smith, Staff Liaison

The Oconee County Conservation Bank Board [OCCB] met at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC with Mr. Shea Airey, Ms. Jennifer Moss, Ms. Frances Rundlett, & Mr. Richard Cain [except Mr. Marvin Prater, Mr. Frank Ables, & Mr. Ernie Lombard] and Katie D. Smith, Clerk to Council acting as staff liaison.

Press: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC, and the County Council website [www.oconeesc.com/council]. In addition it was made available [*upon request*] to the newspapers, radio stations, television stations and concerned citizens.

No members of the media were present.

Call to Order

Mr. Airey called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Moss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rundlett approved 4 – 0, to approve the minutes from August 14, 2018 meeting as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Airey noted the Treasurer's Reports as presented are accurate. He further noted the balance on all reports is \$613,735.46. Ms. Moss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rundlett, approved 4 – 0, to accept as presented the Treasurer's Reports for September 2018.

Discussion Items

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the topics indicated below, with various opinions expressed, to include but not limited to:

Continued Discussion regarding Alternate Funding Sources

- Ordinance that created OCCB is based strictly on the state conservation bank
- Potential changes to the Ordinance for grants
- Funding request
- Potential grant opportunities
- Contact Duke & Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative for continuing grants
- Sharon DeRidder, Grants Administrator

Discussion and/or action regarding Moore property

- Received statement of interest and approved to submit an application
- No application has been received

- Oconee Water Soil & Conservation
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program [ACEP]

Discussion and/or action regarding William Lyles Estate

- Received statement of interest and approved to submit an application
- No application has been received
- Upstate Forever

Discussion regarding types of accounts available to generate interest

The Clerk noted at the last meeting Mr. Prater had not been able to work on this since the last meeting he attended but would have some information for this meeting. With Mr. Prater's absence at this meeting, Mr. Airey asked the Clerk to remind him to speak with Mr. Prater prior to the next meeting regarding this discussion item.

Discussion continued to include:

- Public funding
- Additional research regarding public funding
- Mitigation Funds
- Upstate Forever
- Letters of support
- Grants
- Clerk to send ad to the paper regarding accepting applications for the OCCB

Old Business:

None at this meeting.

New Business

None at this meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Oconee County Council Chambers, 415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

Adjourn:

Mr. Airey made a motion, approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Katie D. Smith
Clerk to Council & Staff Liaison